

**Serial No.: 10/605,740**

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented) A scrubbing machine for scrubbing a carpeted floor surface comprising:

a frame;

means to move said scrubbing machine along said carpeted floor surface in a manner defining a path of movement;

a pair of surface engaging rotary tools mounted on said frame for rotation about parallel axes, said axes extending transversely to said path of movement;

at least one spray nozzle mounted on the frame for applying a scrubbing liquid to said carpeted floor surface in said path of movement in advance of said rotary tools; and

means mounted on said frame for collecting said scrubbing liquid after application of same to said carpeted floor surface, said collecting means including a pair of surface engagable vacuum shoes, wherein each of said pair of vacuum shoes are attached to one another in a manner forming a hinged connection permitting each of said pair of vacuum shoes to articulate relative to one another.

Claims 13-14 (canceled)